

PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

No wonder the fair sex is clamoring for equal rights. As it now stands, when a man dies his better half is entitled to only a third of his estate.

During the past eight months donations and subscriptions amounting to over £23,000 have been received for the Roman Catholic cathedral of Westminster, which structure is externally now practically complete.

Over \$17,000,000 was spent on 102 vessels purchased by the navy department during the war with Spain. Seven of these were transferred to the war department, seven were sold and two sunk; thirteen are used by the state militia and five are at the navy yards or stations. Of all the remaining thirty-two seventeen are at the Asiatic station.

A queer sentence closes the inscription on a tombstone in a churchyard in Leigh, England. After announcing the name and other particulars of the lady there buried, these words follow: "A virtuous woman is 5s, to her husband." The explanation is that space prevented "a crown" being cut in full, and the stonecutter argued that a crown equals 5s.

Mexico has a national bathing day. It comes once a year—on that day every Mexican, from the president down to the humblest servant or laborer, is expected to give himself or herself a good wash. Some of the Mexicans, probably fearing the pneumonia, rarely permit water to touch their bodies; but on the national bathing day the most of them like to get in the swim.

The Bon Marche, the great department store of Paris, feeds its 4,000 employees. The smallest kettle in its kitchen has a capacity of 100 quarts, and the largest 500. Each of the fifty frying pans is big enough for 300 cutlets. Every dish for baking potatoes holds 225 pounds. When omelets are on the bill of fare, 7,800 eggs are used and 100 assistants are usually at the ranges.

A good story has been going the rounds of an old Spanish priest, who labored for a long time in the Philippine Islands. His friends entreated him, before he died, to write out in a book the knowledge which he had gained of the people for the enlightenment of his successors. After he was gone, they opened hopefully a large volume which he left, inscribed "What I know about the Philippines," only to find that the pages were all blank.

Ohio capitalists closed a deal recently for the purchase of 4,000 acres of improved Florida lands, located on the St. John's river, forty-five miles south of Jacksonville. On the land is a beautiful magnolia grove and it is so situated that it is very desirable for residence purposes. During the coming summer the new owners will erect several handsome houses thereon, and the entire tract will be fenced and used as a game preserve for the enjoyment of the owners and their friends.

Philanthropy has been defined as Tom's opinion of what Dick ought to do for Harry. An ounce of illustration is worth a ton of definition. A visitor at a Hartford hospital was told that Nancy Cornelius, a young Indian nurse, could earn twenty dollars a week in that city, and have all her time employed. Feeling a call of duty to the sick and aged among her own people, this splendidly equipped woman offered her services as doctor, nurse, housekeeper and scrubwoman in a little hospital among the Wisconsin Indians. For this arduous work she receives the meager sum of \$200 a year. Her returns in gratitude, and the humble efforts of her people to follow her lead to better things, pass all computation.

Captain George W. Streeter of Chicago entered the office of the chief clerk of the department of the interior the other afternoon and asked that he be "sworn in as delegate in congress from the territory of Lake Michigan." He was informed that it is not a function of the department of the interior to administer the oath of office to members of congress. "But," persisted the captain, "I hold in my hand the electoral vote of the territory, which I must cast for president." Mr. De Lacy told the visitor he might get some light on the situation by going to the capitol and the captain moved eastward. Captain Streeter said in an interview: "Yes, it is true that I am the duly elected delegate for a term of four years from the new territory of Lake Michigan, east of Chicago, range 3, township 47. A territorial form of government was established there four years ago. We have a territory covering 300 acres and we have 127 voters. I am going up to the capitol to see Mr. Roosevelt."



THEATRICAL OPICS.

An Ideal Library.

Mme. Modjeska's own room—her den—is the library. It has triple mullioned windows and a quaint stone fireplace. Engravings, etchings, paintings, rare Persian rugs, old mahogany furniture and deep seated leather chairs make this room most alluring. Carved oak bookcases fill the side of the room opposite the long French windows that open upon the mountain view. Madame's work table is filled with books of plays and volumes on stage costumes and stage settings. Scrapbooks of dramatic criticisms and theatrical events and photographs of noted players are in picturesque confusion. Among the valued pieces of furniture is a quaint little black brass legged table of the time of Queen Elizabeth, which was presented by "Joe" Jefferson to Count Bozenta. Above this table hangs a miniature picture on porcelain of Marie Antoinette.

The book number perhaps two thousand—books in French, Russian, Polish, Italian and English. A magnificent edition of Balzac, the gift of Alphonse Daudet, occupies a place of honor, for Mme. Modjeska considers this writer among the greatest novelists of the century. Shakespeare in many editions and many languages is here, with critical and analytical essays and commentaries galore. Sienkiewicz's works in Polish are upon the shelves, each volume an author's copy. Photographs, water colors, carvings, and many ornaments adorn the room.

The music room is a charming spot. A grand piano occupies one end, and there are also a beautiful harp and a collection of musical instruments representing many countries. The whole interior of the home is filled with art treasures from all parts of the globe.

The dining room, a long, low, sunny apartment, has a great brick fireplace and a recessed stained glass window. The walls are hung with many art trophies, among which is a collection of arms, old swords, ancient cutlasses, crude battle axes and murderous javelins.



HELENA MODJESKA.

MILLER AS RICHARD SAVAGE.

Mr. Henry Miller is one of the most securely entrenched players of the American stage, a position he has achieved by dint of unvarying excellence in every endeavor. He is now playing "Richard Savage" at the Lyceum theater, New York. Mr. Miller met with marked success in his three previous plays, "Heartsease," "The Master" and "The Only Way," and "Richard Savage" is meeting with equal favor.

Jessie Bartlett Davis has an option on a one-act operetta of the French period of 1670. The story is said to be ingenious and cleverly worked out, with a fencing climax. It is quite likely that Miss Davis will star in an operetta of this character next season.

If God gives not bushelfuls, He gives spoonfuls.



SUPERSTITIONS OF FIGHTERS.

"Do you know," said a well-known trainer of prize-fighters the other night while chatting with friends in the corridor of a hotel, "that pugilists as a class are the most superstitious people in my estimation in the world? There is not a boxer in the profession today who does not possess a characteristic whim or foliole. Of course, that is human nature, but the general public is not aware that many of our noted scrappers believe in talismans, such as rabbits' feet, luck stones, battered coins, etc. Even some of them go as far as to praying that defeat may not be their fate."

Jeffries Is Peculiar.

"Jim Jeffries is probably the most peculiar character in this respect in the ring today. While he openly says that he is not afraid of any man his height and weight in the world, and justly so, for I consider him a great fighter, he does not take any chances. Before he enters the ring he is very nervous, and his first thoughts are of his mother. He thinks of her night and day, and believes that with her in his mind he will never lose. While in training everything must be so. His gloves must be tied a certain way, and if the strings are twisted he will kick. He thinks that it will bring him ill-luck. He must have his usual seat at the table at his training quarters, and he will not do any work after a certain hour."

Corbett and Dirty Cent.

"One day while Jim was at work at Asbury Park for his memorable contest with Bob Fitzsimmons he spied a dirty-looking cent on the road. Tommy Ryan was with him at the time, and when the champion saw the coin he was at first loath to pick it up. Turning to Ryan he said, pointing to the ground: 'There's a cent over there, Tom, and I am afraid to touch it. I'll take a chance, though, and if it is heads up why I'll beat Fitz without a doubt. If it isn't, why, Tom, I'll get licked sure.' So Jeff picked the cent up, and sure enough it was heads up. I tell you he was as happy as a child with a new toy when he discovered this, and you could not make him believe after that that Fitz had a chance."

McGovern's Superstitions.

"McGovern is one of the most superstitious boxers now in the game. Terry has a habit of spitting in his shoes before he engages in a mill. He always kisses his wife, too, and I have been told that he has often prayed. On the night of his match with Oscar Gardner, while on the way to the Broadway A. C., it suddenly occurred to Terry that he had forgotten to kiss his wife. He had barely enough time to get ready and insisted that he must return to his wife, who was waiting for news of the fray at a neighboring hotel. 'I feel nervous tonight, Sam,' said McGovern to Manager Harris, 'and I think I'm going to lose.' Harris was surprised over this unexpected remark and asked: 'Why, Terry?' 'Because,' answered the champion, 'I forgot to kiss the missus. I guess I'll have enough time to do so,' and without further ado Terry left the clubhouse and went to his wife. He was back in a jiffy and was apparently much relieved. When the battle was over McGovern said to Harris: 'I'm very glad that I went back to the hotel. I was punished for my forgetfulness by being knocked down in the first round.'

A MEMORABLE BATTLE.

The name of Charley Mitchell, who is now in the United States, was almost



CHARLEY MITCHELL.

as well known in sporting circles a few years ago as that of Sullivan. He was at the time the most formidable antagonist of the Boston slugger, the best battle of his life being with John

L. at Chantilly, France, March 10, 1883. After 39 rounds, lasting three hours and 11 minutes, the referee declared the contest a draw. Sullivan was the stronger and harder hitter, but Mitchell managed to evade the terrible blows of the old champion by going down repeatedly and indulging in sprinting tactics.

Mitchell is now 39 years old. He fought his first battle in 1878, in Birmingham, England. In December, 1882, he whipped all the best men in England at a championship competition in London. He came to this country in 1883 and met Sullivan in Madison Square Garden. The police stopped the contest in the third round, the Boston man having the best of the encounter. Among others Mitchell met on this trip were Jake Kilrain, Dominick McCaffrey, Billy Edwards and Herbert A. Slade. McCaffrey bested him. In 1887 he made another tour of this country, defeating "Reddy" Gallagher at Cleveland, O. His defeat by Corbett in 1894 in three rounds practically ended his pugilistic career, although he claims to be in good shape at present. It is a well-known fact that he has taken good care of himself and has laid by considerable of this world's goods. But the report that he intends to re-enter the gladiatorial arena was a dream, and so has been stamped by the English boxer himself.

CHAMPION HIGH JUMPER.

First Regiment athletes of Chicago now claim among its ranks the indoor



OTTO KAECKE.

champion in the running high jump. In the dual meet between the soldiers and the combined Y. M. C. A. teams Feb. 16, Otto Kaেকে, a member of the soldiers' team, cleared the bar at 5 feet 10 1/2 inches, bettering Fred Powers' of Notre Dame, best record by one-half inch. Powers made his record in the A. A. U. meet in Milwaukee in 1898. Only twice has Kaেকে's performance been beaten in the west, once by Walter of Wisconsin and once by Donagerty of Illinois, both performances being on the turf. Kaেকে has been prominent among Chicago's athletes for several years. His best records have been made in indoor meets. He is also a good pole vaulter, and has carried off innumerable prizes in various meets. He has been connected with the various turners' societies during the last few years, and has always been relied upon to win points. Kaেকে has been entered in the A. A. U. meet at Milwaukee this week, where he is certain to carry off one or more prizes.—Times-Herald.

ALMOST KNOCKED OUT.

The boxing game is getting hard hit all over the country. The governors of the different states have come out lately in vigorous language and declared that they will not allow prize fights to be held within the respective domains over which they exercise executive control. The one exception to this is the State of Nevada. This seems to be the only spot where the fighters and promoters can find any hope of pulling off matches. Carson City, which was the scene of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons battle, may again be the meeting place of champions and would-be champions, but the financial part of the game in this sporting center is far from promising.

Here is about the status of the baseball situation at present: Lajoie, Jimmy Collins, Clark Griffiths, Hugh Jennings and several other National league players jumped to the American league last evening. They will jump back this morning.

Tim Donahue, the Chicago catcher, says that Napoleon Lajoie, Willie Keeler, Joe McGinnity and "Muggsy" McGraw are the greatest living baseball players. "The rest of us are bunched," says Tim.